

events, to the larger business, corporate and investor community of various countries which offer potential for attracting investments.

Export of tea, pepper and cardamom

716. SHRITARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 870 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd August, 2006 and state:

(a) the details of development schemes undertaken for increasing productivity and for export of tea, pepper and cardamom;

(b) the quantum of processed food products exported during the last three years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in roads of processed food product in domestic market have posed threat to Indian companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The following development schemes were implemented in Tenth plan for increasing productivity and exports of Tea, Pepper and Cardamom:

TEA

1. Tea Plantation Development Scheme.
2. Quality Upgradation and Product Diversification Scheme.
3. Market Promotion Scheme.
4. Research and Development Scheme.
5. Human Resource Development Scheme.

PEPPER

1. Construction of drying yard (msq.)
2. Supply of ploythene sheets (nos.)
3. Supply of pepper treshers (nos.)
4. Supply of Bamboo mats (nos.)

CARDAMOM

Small	Large
1. Planting material production (lakh nos.)	1. Planting material production (nos.)
2. Cardamom Replanting (ha.)	2. Replanting (ha.)
3. Irrigation and Land Development (ha.)	3. Irrigation (sprinkler unit-nos.)
4. Extension Advisory Services	4. Low cost driers, i.e. Modified Bhatties
	5. Processing of powdering units(nos.)

(b)The quantum of processed food products exported during the last three years are given in the table below:

Commodities	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06(p)
Fruits & Vegetables Qty (MT)	429797.92	589976.72	943568.59
Spices Qty(MT)	78,830.50	78,121.10	89,738.90

(c)No, Sir as per figures available with the Government, the import of processed food items constitutes a small part of estimated domestic market of value added processed food products.

Import of agricultural products

717. SHRI THANGATAMILSELVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major agricultural products imported during the last three years, with quantity;

(b) the reasons for their import;

(c) whether such imports affected the local farmers/traders; and